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APPLICANT: Roberto A. Gaxiola

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FOR: **METHODS FOR IMPARTING DESIRABLE PHENOTYPIC TRAITS
INCLUDING DROUGHT, FREEZE AND HIGH SALT TOLERANCE
AND METHODS FOR INCREASING SEED PRODUCTION**

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AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is filed subsequent to the non-final office action mailed September 24, 2003 setting a shortened statutory response period to end December 24, 2003.

Applicants request a three-month extension of time to respond. This will bring the due date to March 24, 2004, which is within the six-month statutory period.

A check to cover the extension fee is enclosed; however, should any additional fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from Edwards & Angell Deposit Account No. 04-1105.